

EQIP Evaluation Worksheet for Cropland/Conversion to No till

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This conversion to no-till option is intended for the conversion of cropping systems to continuous long term no-till planting of all crops. Strip-till (zone-till) is considered a form of no-till. This option is intended for producers who have never done no-till or who are mixing tillage systems where no-till is 50% or less of the tillage system.

Requirements

A cover crop will always be used following silage corn.

Must use continuous no-till on all crops for at least 3 consecutive years

The planned rotation must be used for at least 3 consecutive years

50 acres maximum can be enrolled.

Name:	Tract(s):	Total Treated Ac:
County:		Team No.

Resource / Concern / Evaluation	Max. Points	Points Awarded
SOIL / Sheet & Rill Erosion: Potential for Erosion		
HEL cropland > 75 %	20 points	
HEL cropland 50-75%	10 points	

SOIL / Condition: Drainage		
predominantly well drained or moderately well drained soils	5 points	

WATER: Nutrient and Pest Management		
Use of a crop scout to address pest and nutrient management concerns	15 points	

Plants: Rotation (Can take points from only one of the rotation systems)		
Hay based system category		
50% mixed grass-legume hay in rotation	10 points	
50% legume hay (no grass) in rotation	5 points	
Non- hay based system		
small grain 1 year in 3	20 points	
small grain 1 year in 4	15 points	
if soybeans are used, add points if small grain follows soybeans in rotation	5 points	

WILDLIFE / Habitat Improvement for At-Risk Species (maximum 10 points)		
Establishment of NEW or ADDITIONAL Habitat using one or more of the following practices:		
Field Borders (30 ft. wide minimum) Minimum 3% or 1 Ac ¹ of contract acreage.	10 points	
Conservation Cover (327) Minimum 3% or 1 Ac ¹ of contract acreage.	10 points	
Three zone Riparian Forest Buffer ² (55 ft. wide minimum, 100% of degraded stream length)	10 points	
Riparian Herbaceous Cover Buffer (30 ft. wide minimum, 100% of degraded stream length)	10 points	
Hay Planting (512) with warm season grasses. Minimum 3% or 1 Ac ¹ of contract acreage.	10 points	

HUMAN/Social		
An RMS ³ plan that includes new or additional habitat for at-risk wildlife will be implemented.	5 points	

Worksheet Total	
Estimated Cost:	

Evaluated by: _____

Date: _____

Title: _____

Producer's signature: _____

1 When contract acreage is ≤ 33 Ac the 3 % applies, for 34 Ac and over 1 Ac applies.

2 Three Zone Riparian Buffer = buffer comprising the two forest zones and the herbaceous cover zone described on PATG. Minimum of 55 feet.

3 RMS = Resource Management System as defined in Pa. Technical Guide Section 3

Notes for completion of sheet

Points will be given for inclusion of the above components if the producer agrees to do them

Producers cannot receive incentive or cost share payments for practices they have already adopted

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